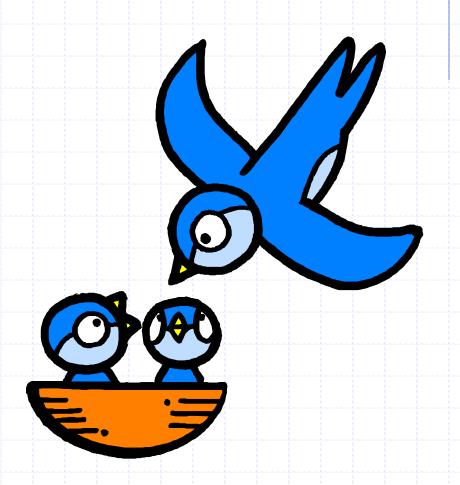
What Lives In A Shell?

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- You live in an apartment or house.That's your home.
- Your home keeps you safe and warm.



- Birds build nests.
- Nests keep them safe and warm.



- Bears live in caves.
- Caves keep bears safe and warm.



- Some animals live in shells.
- These shells keep them safe and warm.

But what animals live in shells?

Shells

- Many different kinds of animals have shells.
- Shells are hard, smooth and hollow.
- Shells are light-weight so the animal can carry them.
- They use them for protection from other animals.
- They also use them to live in.

Clams, oysters and scallops do!

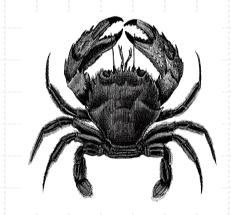
- Clams and oysters grow two hard shells that are almost alike. The two shells are connected by a hinge.
- Sometime you can find a pearl in an oyster shell.
- Clams, oysters and scallops are good to eat.





Crabs do!

- Crab shells fit like a suit of armor. It protects them from their enemies.
- Crabs outgrow their shells and grow another one.
- Hermit crabs just move to a discarded shell.
- Some people like to eat crabs, but not the shell.





Sea snails do!

- Conch and whelks are kinds of sea snails.
- A sea snail's shell grows as the snail grows.
- The shells are many different colors.
- People like to find conch shells on the beach.

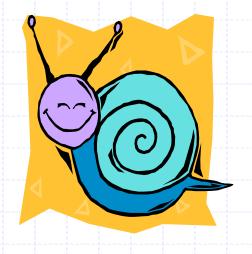




Land snails Do!

- Land snails are born with a tiny shell. As they grow, the shell grows too.
- The snail pokes it's soft head and its one big foot out of the opening in its shell. It uses its foot to inch along. A snail is slow.





Turtles do!

- There are turtles that live on the land and turtles that live in the water.
- Most turtle shells are flat on the bottom and round on the top.
- As turtles grow so do their shell.
- When a turtle is afraid, he pulls his head, legs, and tail inside the shell.
- Turtles are good to eat.

